MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 WORK SESSION

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from August 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. today at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Steve Turner, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

District Attorney Brian Jones addressed the commission regarding an appropriation request for FY 2021. He said the District Attorney's Offices around our state are only partially funded by the State of Alabama. In FY 2021 his office will receive \$357,488.00 from the State. The remaining income is generated through court costs, DA collections, bail bond fees, asset forfeiture, victim service funds, and worthless check fees, and the Solicitor's fee. From FY 2011 to FY 2019 these sources of funding for the DA's office have dropped by over \$211,000.00. It is this situation that brings him to request an appropriation from the County Commission in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Jonathan Yerdon, Information Technology Director, presented budget revisions, to be added on today's agenda, to purchase a full body scanner for the Courthouse, \$175,000; hardware/software/licenses to build teleworking infrastructure for Information Technology, \$300,000; CentralSquare Pro Suite software upgrades for the Sheriff's Office, \$221,976; and a full body scanner, two fogging machines to clean cells, and CentralSquare software for the Jail, \$389,753. He said the funds are reimbursable through the CARES Act.

Items were discussed for the September 8, 2020 commission meeting agenda.

Chairman Daly added a resolution to approve funding for safety improvements for LED warning signage for motorist.

Recessed at 9:42 a.m.